

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Matt Denison, Carl Malysz, Kay Garry, Police Chief Greg Crabtree, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Traffic Director Dennis Smith, Fire Chief Matt Juliot, Street Dept Director Mickey Thompson, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Flood control Director Ron Granger, David Hall, Animal control, Shane Gibson city Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Denison called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Linda Crane re: Block Oak between 8th and 9th for a gospel fest.

Ms. Crane addressed the board and informed them that on May 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Faith Allegiance Church would like to hold a gospel Fest to reach out to the Youth in the area regarding the dangers of drugs and alcohol and they would like to block Oak Street from 8th to 9th Street.

Mrs. Garry asked if this was an annual event.

Ms. Crane stated that last year was there first year.

Ms. Garry asked if the people would be able to get into their houses.

Ms. Crane stated that last year they passed out flyers prior to the event and all the neighbors were cooperative.

Mr. Malysz made a motion to grant permission to close the street and asked Mr. Thompson to provide barriers and work with Pastor Crane to coordinate, Mrs. Garry second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Dana Wooley re: alley between 3rd and 4th Street that needs paving.

Ms. Wooley stated that she has concerns regarding the alley from 3rd and 4th Street between Market and Main because of the large pot holes. She stated that this is concerning to her business (Wolfe Glass) because their customers carry large pieces of glass and she is afraid that someone will trip and fall in these holes.

Mr. Denison stated that the administration is currently making a list of streets and alleys that need to be repaired.

Mr. Malysz asked Mr. Thompson to go out and look into this. They are a downtown business and the Mayor would like to do as much as possible to help them improve the area.

Mrs. Garry stated that at this time the asphalt plants are not open and the most they could do would be to fill the holes with cold patch.

Item #3 - Ron Hartman re: update on the next unsafe housing list

Mr. Hartman reported that they

707 and 709

2009 East Elm Street he stated that they garage is still leaning against the neighbor's garage.

1817 Conservative Street the city will have to demolish this. They have contacted the mortgage company and they have not responded

Mr. Denison asked that he keep the board up to date on all of these houses.

Mr. Malysz asked if he had contacted the Historic Preservation Commission about any of these.

Mr. Hartman stated that the house at _____ the negotiations have failed and this house will now need to come down.

Mr. Hartman stated that he has talked with Mr. Sekula and he has stated that he would like to have a close relationship with the building commission and if this building is going to come down he would like to have a paper trail that these properties have be

Item #4 - Marcey Wisman re: Hispanic Ministry Way of the Cross

Ms. Wisman reported that she received a request from the Hispanic Ministry at St. Mary's Church and they are again having their live Way of the Cross that will take the same route as in years past from the church to E. 9th, from E. 9th to Elm, from Elm to E. 7th Street and from E. 7th to Spring Street back to the church. They are requesting that the auxiliary police again escort the crowd in order to avoid any accidents.

Mr. Garry moved to approve, Mr. Malysz second, all voted in favor.

Major Sherri Knight stated that she would inform the auxiliary police.

Item #5 - Dennis Smith re: handicap parking 1429 Locust St.

Mr. Smith stated that he checked this property and there is parking in the rear but there is no entrance there and it is very difficult for him to walk to the front of the building. He stated there are plenty of parking spaces in front of this house and he recommends that they approve a space.

Mr. Malysz asked if he will need a curb cut.

Mr. Smith stated that he did not need a curb cut and that they city does not do those for these spaces.

Mrs. Garry made a motion to approve the handicap space at 1429 Locust Street, Mr. Malysz second, all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Mickey Thompson re: New Albany Youth Baseball request for guard rails and caution light

Mr. Malysz stated that they do not have the funding to install the light, but he has talked with Mr. Thompson and they will be able to install posts with cable running through it and paint the tops so that it will be visible.

Mr. Thompson stated that they can also add another caution sign with a flasher and that he is going to contact the church next to the ball field to discuss arrangements for parking and the city adding a path from the parking lot to the field to keep people from parking and walking on the street.

Mr. Malysz made a motion to authorize the Street Department to install the post and cable system to hinder parking and a flashing sign and add a trail from the church parking lot to the ball field with the church's permission, Mrs. Garry

second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 -Dale Schmidt re: curb cut at 129 Main Street

Mr. Denison stated that he has directed Mr. Schmidt to contact INDOT for this curb cut because this is a State Highway. He also stated that they need to put Mr. Futter back on the agenda regarding the alley in the 700 block of W. 7th Street for ingress and egress for his properties at 707, 709 and 711. He stated that the plat does show that there is an alley that runs behind this property all the way through, but they neighbors have planted grass over this alley and is using it for the their own purposes. Mr. Futter would like for this to be opened back up so that when he rebuilds on this property there will be proper ingress and egress for off street parking. Mr. Futter has offered to put gravel down but he feels that they city should look into improving this alley.

Mr. Malysz stated that they would need to look into the whether or not the finances are available for improving this alley but that it warrants being further investigated.

Mr. Malysz made a motion to investigate the cost of moving further into the project on W. 7th Street, Mrs. Garry second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Jerry Taylor reported that the cleaning crews are out again today cleaning. He requested that this Thursday and Friday there is a need for an emergency sewer repair in 700 Block of E. Oak and they will need to close the street during the day and there will be metal plates over the street in the evening. He stated that depending on the weather it should only take a couple of days.

Mr. Malysz asked why this is considered an emergency.

Mr. Thompson stated that he has inspected this and the road collapsed over a cracked sewer line and the soil has been washed away leaving a large void under the street.

Mr. Malysz moved to approve as discussed, Mrs. Garry second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Jeffers, Parks Department Director, was concerned about the work that is going to be done on Daisy Lane and how it will affect the Camille Wright swimming pool. He stated that they will be doing work on the pool and there are also swim teams that will be using the pool for swim meets.

Mr. Malysz asked him to get in contact with Tom Schellenberg with Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz because he is working on the plans for the road closure.

Mr. Jeffers stated that he is concerned because even if they can get to the pool this project will make a lot of dust which is not good for the pool.

Mr. Malysz stated that they did not want to close the pool and that they should all sit down with Mr. Schellenberg and discuss this issue as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

BIDS:

Mr. Malysz presented a Professional Services Proposal for Surveying for Rainbow Drive from John G. Brinkworth, Inc. to perform topographic and Boundary Survey. He explained that this area is within the Grantline Road TIF area and they are going to ask the Redevelopment Commission to fund this project today. He explained that this is an area that Mayor England is serious about moving forward on and this project. He stated that they have also asked Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz to review this proposal and they agree

that the price looks reasonable. He asked that this proposal from Mr. Brinkworth's proposal be approved.

Mr. Taylor informed the board that on Rainbow Drive there is a proposal for a drainage project to be done to correct the undercutting from the creek of the road. However, they currently do not have the funds for this extensive project and wondered if this would be included in the city's project.

Mr. Malysz thanked him for the information and stated that this would have to be looked into.

Mrs. Garry made a motion to approve the proposal contingent upon Redevelopment approving the funding from TIF, Mr. Malysz second, all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Malysz moved to approve the February 19 minutes as amended, Mrs. Garry second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Denison, President

Marcey Wisman, City Clerk